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¶1. (C) As per refs Somalia Transitional Federal Government President Abdullahi Yusuf is quite ill and was flown to Nairobi from Baidoa early on the morning of December 4. Post's Regional Medical Officer (RMO) visited Yusuf in Nairobi hospital and reported that the President looked frail, but otherwise appeared to be doing well and was undergoing a battery of tests. While an exact health diagnosis has not been confirmed, Yusuf may have a heart-related ailment.

¶2. (C) According to the TFG Ambassador to Kenya Mohamed Ali Nur, the President's staff still plans for him to fly to London tomorrow night (December 5) for additional medical tests and follow up. We will continue to monitor closely the President's health and travel plans and will keep relevant posts and AF/E informed.

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